

# Robert of Hesbaye

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**Robert II**, **Rodbert** or **Chrodobert** was a Frank who was count of Worms and of Rheingau, and duke of Hesbaye around the year 800. He is the earliest known male-line ancestor of the French royal family (including the Capetians, the Valois and the Bourbons, all of them his male-line descendents), and the Spanish royal family.

## Descendants

Robert of Hesbaye is the earliest definitely known ancestor of family known as the Robertians. His son was Robert III of Worms and his grandson was Robert the Strong. Robert of Hesbaye was the great-grandfather of two Frankish kings, Odo and Robert, who ruled in the kingdom of Western Francia.

One of Robert of Hesbaye male-line descendants was Hugh Capet, the founder of the French royal dynasty, which ruled France continuously until as late as 1848 (with a brief interregnum caused by the French revolution). A junior line has held the Spanish Crown since 1700; the current monarch Juan Carlos I and his family are direct descendants.

## Possible ancestry

Robert of Hesbaye's father was likely the son of Thuringbert of Worms and Rheingau, and grandson of Robert I, Duke of Neustria (c. 697–764). It is known that the paternal ancestors of Robert I, Duke of Neustria ascended in line as follows:

1. Lambert II, Count of Haspengau (c. 682–741)
2. Chrodobertus II, Count of Haspengau (fl. 650)
3. Lambert I de Haspengau (c. 620–650)
4. Chrodobertus I de Haspengau (c. 600–630)
5. Charibert de Haspengau (c. 555–636)

Robert of Hesbaye's mother was possibly Princess Chrotlind, daughter of Theuderic III, Merovingian king of Austrasia.

It is also possible that Ingerman and Cancor were brothers of Robert of Hesbaye. Landrada, mother of Saint Chrodegang, archbishop of Metz, is likely to have been his sister. Ermengarde, wife of emperor Louis the Pious was most likely his niece.

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